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# H. J. RES. 28

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution to provide for a balanced budget for the United States Government and for greater accountability in the enactment of tax legislation.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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10 “ARTICLE —

16       “SECTION 2. The limit on the debt of the United  
17 States held by the public shall not be increased, unless

1 three-fifths of the whole number of each House shall pro-  
2 vide by law for such an increase by a rollcall vote.

3 “SECTION 3. Prior to each fiscal year, the President  
4 shall transmit to the Congress a proposed budget for the  
5 United States Government for that fiscal year, in which  
6 total outlays do not exceed total receipts.

7 “SECTION 4. No bill to increase revenue shall become  
8 law unless approved by a majority of the whole number  
9 of each House by a rollcall vote.

10 “SECTION 5. The Congress may waive the provisions  
11 of this article for any fiscal year in which a declaration  
12 of war is in effect. The provisions of this article may be  
13 waived for any fiscal year in which the United States is  
14 engaged in military conflict which causes an imminent and  
15 serious military threat to national security and is so de-  
16 clared by a joint resolution, adopted by a majority of the  
17 whole number of each House, which becomes law.

18 “SECTION 6. The Congress shall enforce and imple-  
19 ment this article by appropriate legislation, which may rely  
20 on estimates of outlays and receipts.

21 “SECTION 7. Total receipts shall include all receipts  
22 of the United States Government except those derived  
23 from borrowing. Total outlays shall include all outlays of  
24 the United States Government except for those for repay-  
25 ment of debt principal.

1       “SECTION 8. This article shall take effect beginning  
2 with fiscal year 2002 or with the second fiscal year begin-  
3 ning after its ratification, whichever is later.”.

